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SUBJ: DEMARCHE TO GOB ON US CONCERNS AT JUNE INTERNATIONAL LABOR
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1. ON MAY 13, POLITICAL COUNSELOR SPOKE TO BAENA SOARES, CHIEF OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, WHO HAD BEEN PRESENT DURING HOROWITZ'S PRESENTATION ON ILO TO FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY-GENERAL IN APRIL, TO REITERATE MAIN POINTS OF US CONCERN AS OUTLINED BY HOROWITZ AND TO EXPRESS HOPE THAT GOB WOULD SUPPORT US POSITION AT UPCOMING CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. BAENA SOARES WAS NON-COMMITAL ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR BRAZILIAN SUPPORT OF US POSITION, NOTING ONLY THAT POSITION WAS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. HE SUGGESTED THAT AIDE MEMOIRE PREPARED BY EMBASSY ON ILO BE GIVEN TO REGINA CASTELLO BRANCO, ACTING CHIEF OF DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, AS SHE WOULD BE ATTENDING INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE AS DELEGATE.

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2. ON MARCH 20 EMBOFF CALLED ON CASTELLO BRANCO TO PRESENT AIDE MEMOIRE AND URGE GOB SUPPORT FOR US INITIATIVES IN ILO. CASTELLO BRANCO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN US POSITION, ESPECIALLY DESIRE FOR EQUAL TREATMENT OF ALL NATIONS BY COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS, BUT WAS NON-COMMITAL ON GOB SUPPORT. SHE COULD NOT SAY ON WHICH COMMITTEES BRAZIL WOULD SEEK SEALMS, BUT PROMISED TO MAKE

INQUIRIES AND INFORM EMBASSY.

3. ALSO MARCH :0, EMBODD CALLED ON MARCELO PIMENTEL, LEGAL ADVISOR TO MINISTRY OF LABOR AND PROBABLE DELEGATE TO CONFERENCE, FOR PRESENTATION OF COPY OF AIDE MEMOIRE AND DISCUSSION OF US INITIATIVE. PIMENTEL STATED AGREEMENT WITH US CONCERNS -- "THAT'S OUR LINE, TOO" -- BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER US RAISING HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN CONFERENCE THAT MIGHT HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON BRAZIL. HE INDICATED THAT GOB WOULD IGNORE ANY RESOLUTIONS ON SUCH MATTERS. PIMENTEL, A LONG-TIME GOB DELEGATE TO ILO REUNIONS, EXPRESSED PERSONAL BELIEF THAT REOPENING OF ENTIRE MID-EAST QUESTION IN GENERAL, AND 1974 RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL IN SPECIFIC, WILL BE UNAVOIDABLE; HE ALSO MINIMIZED CHANCES OF APPROVAL FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 17 OF STANDING ORDERS.

4. FYI: OFFICIAL GOB DELEGATION HAS NOT AS YET BEEN ANNOUNCED, BUT SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: ARNALDO PRIETO, MINISTER OF LABOR, AS GOVERNMENT DELEGATE AND CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATION; AMBASSADOR AL VARES MACIEL, PERMANENT GOB REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA; MARCO AURELIO PRATESI E MACEDO, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE LABOR COURT SYSTEM; AND JOSE HERICILIO FLEURI, CHIEF OF CABINET OF THE LABOR MINISTER; AND PIMENTEL AND CASTELLO BRANCO AS SUPPLEMENTAL GOVERNMENT DELEGATES; PLUS SUPERIOR LABOR COURT JUSTICE HILDEBRANDO BISAGLIA, REPRESENTING LABOR ORLANDO COUPSNHO, SECYETARY
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GENERAL OF TRANSPORT WORKERS CONFEDERATION (CNPTT) AND MEMBER OF SUPERIOR LABOR TRIBUNAL, AND ARY CAMPISTA, PRESIDENT OF INDUSTRIAL WORKERS CONFEDERATION AND ALSO A MEMBER OF SUPERIOR LABOR TRIBUNAL, REPRESENTING EMPLOYERS FLAVIO BRITO, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CONFEDERATION, AND FORTUNATO PERES JUNIOR, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYERS AND C FORCER MEMBER OF THE THE SUPERIOR LABOR TRIBUNAL. SHOULD DELEGATION ULTIMATELY ANNOUNCED BE DIFFERENT, WE WILL INFORM.

5. COMMENT. BRAZILIANS ARE BASICALLY SYMPATHETIC TO US CONCERNS AND INITIATIVE IN ILO, BUT WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL MAKE DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO SUPPORT US AFTER THEY HAVE HAD CHANCE TO ASSESS ATTITUDES AT CONFERENCE ITSELF. REGARDLESS OF MERITS THEY SEE IN OUR POSITION, UNLIKELY THAT THEY WILL DECIDE TO SUPPORT IT IF SUCH VOTE WOULD SERIOUSLY ISOLATE

THEM FROM MAINSTREAM OF THIRD-WORLD SENTIMENT ON ISSUE.
(SINCE RECEIVING REF D, WE HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO MAKE
APPOINTMENT WITH BAENA SOARES, WHO IS OUT OF TOWN UNTIL
MAY 25.) FOR ONE MORE APPEAL FOR BRAZILPGN SUPPORT. BUT
FOR FOREGOING RMT SFS WE BELIEVE PROSPECTS ARE POOR FOR
GETTING COMMITMENT FROM BRAZILIANS AT THIS STATE.
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